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GUIDELINES FOR 3G AND BROADBAND WIRELESS ACCESS AUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Member (Finance) Telecom has chalked out the design and formulated guidelines for 3G and broadband wireless access auction in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also estimated the total amount of revenue proceeds expected there from;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has announced detailed guidelines for auction and allotment of spectrum for 3G & Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Telecom Services, on 01.08.08 and certain amendments on 11.09.08, which inter-alia include procedure for auction.

The licences would be granted through a controlled simultaneous ascending e-auction to the successful bidder. With a view to select a specialised agency for conducting e-auction and also to guide and supervise the process of auction, an inter-ministerial committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Member (Finance), Department of Telecom. M/S N.M. Rothschild & Sons (India) Pvt Ltd, Mumbai has selected for auctioning of 3G & BWA spectrum.

(c) to (e) As per these guidelines the reserve price for Pan-India licence for 2X5MHz (3G) and 20 MHz for BWA services is Rs.2020/cr and Rs.1010/cr respectively.